

## DECLARATION OF RESIDENCY

Student(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town of Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fill out the section that applies to you (Section 1, 2 or 3): \***

**1) I rent in the above town and claim it as my primary residence as of \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YY)**

- a. **I have attached a complete copy of the original lease and at least one additional document as required below. \***
- b. **The property owner's name and contact information is: \_\_\_\_\_**

**2) I own in the above town and claim it as my primary residence as of \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YY)**

- a. **If you just bought the property, attach a copy of the Property Tax Transfer form (PTT-172) and at least one additional document as required below. \***
- b. **If you are a long-time resident, attach a copy of your most recent Property Tax Bill and at least one additional document as required below. \***

*(circle yes or no)*

- YES / NO** To receive tuition, I am aware that my Homestead Declaration must be filed annually.
- YES / NO** I understand that no tuition payments will be made if I fail to file the Homestead Declaration.
- YES / NO** I filed the Homestead Declaration this year **(Circle no if you became a resident after 4/1)**

*If you answered NO to the last question, please complete the following:(disregard this section if you are new):*

- YES / NO** I have since filed or shall immediately file the Homestead Declaration.
- YES / NO** I will not file the homestead Declaration for the following reason: \_\_\_\_\_

**3) Other – I live in the above town and claim it as my primary residence as of \_\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YY) \***

**Explain how you live in the town without renting or owning: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Initial each that apply:**

- \_\_\_\_ I certify that residence within the town has not been established solely for the purpose of attending school
- \_\_\_\_ I certify that I do not have a principal dwelling place in another town
- \_\_\_\_ I certify that I have intent to maintain a principal dwelling place in the school district indefinitely
- \_\_\_\_ I certify that I am not paying tuition on behalf of my child(ren) at any other school
- \_\_\_\_ I certify that I understand the residency requirements and the penalty for fraudulent registration

I do solemnly declare that the information I have given above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have read the Vermont Statute on the back of this sheet (VSA Title 13 § 3016) which calls for possible fines and imprisonment for making false declarations.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return completed form to:** Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union  
6378 VT Route 7A  
Sunderland, VT 05250  
802-362-2455 (fax) or [info@brsu.org](mailto:info@brsu.org)

**Questions?** Call 802-362-2452

**\* Include attachments as noted above plus another document that includes your name and residential address (ex. driver's license, utility bill, insurance bill) \* Winhall residents: If no VT Driver's License, you must provide two other such forms of proof.**

## **Vermont Statutes –**

### **Title 13 § 3016. False claim.**

- (a) A person shall not, in any matter within the jurisdiction of a supervisory union school district or of any commission, board, department or agency of the state or a county or municipality, with intent to defraud, falsify, conceal or cover up by any trick, scheme or device a material fact, or with intent to defraud make any false, fictitious or fraudulent claim or representation as to a material fact, or with intent to defraud make or use any writing or document knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent claim or entry as to a material fact.
- (b) A person who violates this section shall, if the prohibited act results in no loss to a governmental entity or benefit to the person or results in a loss to a governmental entity or benefit to the person of less than \$500.00 in value, be imprisoned not more than two years or fined not more than \$5,000.00, or both. A person who violates this section shall, if the prohibited act results in a loss to any governmental entity or a benefit to the person of \$500.00 or more in value, whether by a single act or by a common scheme or course of conduct involving one or more transactions, be imprisoned not more than five years, or fined not more than \$10,000.00, or both.
- (c) A person who commits an act punishable under subsection (a) or (b) of section 2581 of Title 33 may not be prosecuted under this section.

### **Title 16 § 1075. Legal residence defined**

**(a)(3)** For the purposes of this title, "resident" of the State and of a school district means a natural person who is domiciled in the school district and who, if temporarily absent, demonstrates an intent to maintain a principal dwelling place in the school district indefinitely and to return there, coupled with an act or acts consistent with that intent. The term "temporarily absent" includes those special cases listed in 17 V.S.A. § 2122(a). The term "residence" is synonymous with the term "domicile." A married person may have a domicile independent of the domicile of his or her spouse. If a person removes to another town with the intention of remaining there indefinitely, that person shall be considered to have lost residence in the town in which the person originally resided even though the person intends to return at some future time. A person may have only one residence at a given time.

### **Title 32 § 5401(14) – Domicile defined**

(14) "Domicile" means the principal dwelling of a person who has established permanent residence in the State. Intention to establish permanent residence is a factual determination to be made in the first instance by the Commissioner. No one factor is conclusive of whether a dwelling is a permanent residence; the Commissioner may consider any relevant factors, including the following: formal and informal statements of the declarant; the location of residences owned or leased by the declarant; where the declarant spends time; the declarant's place of employment and business connections; the location of items of significant value (either monetary or sentimental) to declarant; where the declarant's family lives; place of voter registration; place of issuance of automobile registration and driver's license; previous permanent residency of the declarant; and address listed on federal and State income tax returns filed by the declarant.

### **Homestead Declaration Information**

<https://tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration>